region. There is no proposal to set up a rail museum in Andhra Pradesh.

**Average Annual Growth of Passenger**

1982. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the average annual growth of Passengers—km. has dropped;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to improve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Development of Railway Stations**

1983. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have selected some railway stations for development into Model Railway Stations in the country;

(b) if so, names of such railway stations, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government would identify new railway stations for development into model stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) It has been decided to make at least one station in each Division as model station where higher level of passenger facilities will be provided. The stations have not been identified so far. They will be finalised shortly.

**Gauge Conversion between Jogindernagar-Pathankot**

1984. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether gauge conversion work on Jogindernagar-Pathankot Section has been allotted to some agency; and

(b) if so, what is the name of the agency, with date of commencement of work, present status of the project, tentative cost, alongwith target fixed for completion of same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Gauge Conversion of this line has not yet been sanctioned.

(b) Does not arise.

**Fixing of Responsibilities for Irregularities**

1985. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3484, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th July, 1998 and state:

(a) the details of persons found guilty under routine disciplinary and appeal rules in connection with Shan-e-Punjab leaving Jalandhar city station on 18th June, 1998, without wating for arrival of link train from Hoshiarpur;

(b) the results of the responsibilities for these irregularities; and

(c) further steps taken to avoid recurrance of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Five staff (two Assistant Station Masters and 3 Section Controllers/Deputy Section Controllers) have been held responsible.

(b) Penalty imposed on the staff includes recorded warning and withholding of annual increments.

(c) All concerned have been counselled properly to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future.

**Relief to the Commutors of Mumbai Metro**

1986. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what new measures have been taken to provide relief to commuters of Mumbai Metro for easing congestion;

(b) whether some new railway tracks in Mumbai for local trains are planned to be laid; and

(c) if so, detials thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with Government of Maharashtra for participation in the rail component of Mumbai Urban Transport Project-II (MUTP-II) under a 50:50 funding arrangement. A joint venture-Mumbai Rail Vikas Corporation (MRVC) is being set up under a 51:49 funding arrangement between the Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharashtra.

The Functions of MRVC will be:

1. Develop co-ordinated plans for the rail component to be included in MUTP-II and other planned investments in Mumbai Rail services and execute the resulting infrastructure projects.
2. Integrate urban development plans for the Mumbai metropolitan region with rail capacity plans and proposed investment.
3. Co-ordinate and ensure improvement of track drainage and the removal of encroachment of track drainage and the removal of encroachments and trespassers from the Railway's right-of-way and station approaches.
4. Execute specific projects for the commercial development of the Railways land and apportion the net income in the ratio of 1:1:1 for Railways projects in Mumbai area, Maharashtra and elsewhere in the country respectively.

Discussions are under way with the World Bank for funding the projects to be taken up under MUTP-II.

(b) and (c) The following track works have been identified to be taken up subject to availability of funds, under MTP Plan Head:—

(1) 6th line Borivali-Santacruz

(2) Bandra-Kurla East West Line

(3) 5th line Kurla-Dadar-Chatrapati Shivaji Terminus,

In addition to above, the details of the following projects which are already sanctioned and under different stages of progress in Mumbai & Navi Mumbai are as follows:—

| | Anticipated cost (crores of Rs.) |
|---|---|
| (1)5th line between Santacruz and Borivali | 64.17 |